



CARES



Commission Hearing

VA MIDWEST HEALTH CARE NETWORK (VISN 23)

When: **Wednesday, September 3, 2003**
 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: **VA Medical Center**
 One Veterans Drive
 Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Phone: 612-725-1968

Purpose:

The VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23) is hosting a Hearing about the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process. The Hearing will allow audience members to listen to testimony provided by various stakeholder groups to the CARES Commission about the CARES process and how the **Draft** National CARES Plan will impact VA health care in Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and throughout the Midwest. The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, established the CARES Commission to provide an objective, independent review of the **Draft** National CARES Plan. www.va.gov/CARES

Who May Attend:

The hearing is open to the public. All veteran patients, employees, veteran service organization representatives, unions, volunteers, elected officials and local community members may attend the CARES Commission Hearing to listen to oral comments from representatives of various VISN 23 stakeholder groups. VISN 23 staff members will be on hand before and after the CARES Commission Hearing to answer questions and to assist stakeholders who wish to submit written comments to the Commission about the **Draft** National CARES Plan.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VA MEDICAL CENTER (see attached [map](#)):

- From I-35, take Highway 62 (Crosstown) East to Highway 55.
- Turn left on Highway 55 (North).
- Go to stop lights at 54th Street, take a left.
- Go one block to stop sign on Minnehaha Avenue, take a left.
- Go to Veterans Drive, take a right
- Proceed to stop sign and take a left. VA Police will be present for directions.
- Enter VA Medical Center through Visitor's Entrance.

Note: Anyone can submit written statements before, during or after the hearing in the Main Flag Atrium. Also, you may submit your statements by mailing it within seven days after the Hearing to:
Mr. Richard Larson, Executive Director, CARES Commission,
810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420.